TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 102 – HB 119

January 13, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to implement and provide support for a program to assist in locating missing, vulnerable citizens, called the Silver Alert program, which supplants the Care Alert program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$115,500/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-6-121, the Care Alert program is coordinated by local law enforcement agencies.
- This legislation does not substantially expand the group of citizens covered by the program, but does centralize the oversight to that of the TBI. Under this legislation, when a local law enforcement agency receives notice that a citizen is missing and has received a caregiver's statement verifying the condition of the missing citizen, the agency shall begin an investigation immediately and notify the TBI within four hours of receiving the notice of the missing citizen. The TBI is required to send the alert to designated media outlets in this state. Further, the TBI shall provide information and education on the Silver Alert statewide protocol to all law enforcement agencies in this state.
- Due to the increase in workload, the TBI would require two additional intelligence analysts.
- An intelligence analyst 2 receives \$43,740 in salary and \$14,011 in benefits each year.
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$115,502 [(\$43,740 + \$14,011) x 2] as a result of the new personnel in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- As the investigation, entering and canceling National Crime Information Center reports, and canceling alerts is to be conducted by the local law enforcement agencies, there will not be a significant enough reduction in work to estimate a decrease in local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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